

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 01 August 1997
Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Untitled
Other Known Titles: No 29 One Letter to Editor
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Not Stated
Author: Unknown
Format: Correspondence
Country of Origin: Not Stated
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Section 27

Either

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept and

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package and

That where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material.

Or

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept and

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package and

That the publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The correspondence *Untitled* (also known as *No 29 One Letter to Editor*) is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

This classification has been given because the correspondence describes sexually explicit activity and presents sexual conduct of a degrading and demeaning nature. The publication is in the form of a story submitted to a magazine for publishing. It relates a story of sexual activity between two women and a small group of men in a bar. Among them, and at the centre of the story, are a husband and wife. The main focus of the story is the group sexual interaction that the wife has with a small number of males in a bar. A barmaid also includes herself in the activity, displaying her genitals to the group and inserting foreign objects such as pool balls and a 'stubby' bottle into her vagina.

The insertion of foreign objects into the vagina is considered to be sexual conduct of a degrading and demeaning nature. The women involved in the activity are degraded and demeaned by the focus given to the female character as an orifice capable of this conduct and the subsequent detail given to both women in the scenario engaging in vaginal intercourse with each of the men present. The degrading and demeaning elements are moderate in degree due to the activity being described as consensual and amicable, with the females retaining control throughout. The publication is considered likely to be injurious to the public good unless restricted to adults because of the explicit nature of the sexual presentation.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as they affect this publication.

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